mulations and certain categories of advanced engineering goods are entitled to an additional Eximscrips of 10 percentage points, taking the total Eximscrips rate to 40 per cent of f.o.b. value, Besides, the system of advance licensing has also been strengthened. The Govt. has also taken several other steps which include activisation of Board of Trade, bilateral discussions with certain countres and interaction with national organisations of trade and industry.

Large Foreign Stake in seafood

778. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items appeared in 'Economic Times' of the 13th February, 1992 under captioned 'Large Foreign Stake in seafood likely';

(b) if so, whether his Ministry coordinating foreign investment in seafood industry with the nodal Ministry of Food Processing Industries;

(c) what are the details of proposals cleared, giving number of vessels and capacity; and

(d) what steps will be taken to protect Indian entrepreneurs in the fishing industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Government is aware of the news item.

(b) The Ministry of Commerce plays only a promotional and catalytic role with regard to foreigni nvestment in the deepsea fishing industry. All proposals on deep sea fishing are considered by the Empowered Committee of Secretaries on deepsea fishing. The Empowered Committee of Secretaries is jointly serviced by Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Ministry of Commerce.

(c) Details are given in the Statement attached (*See* below).

(d) All proposals for Joint Ventures in Deepsea fishing involve setting up of companies in India by the Indian Entrepreneurs in technical, financial and/or marketing collaboration with foreign companies and as such the interests of Indian entrepreneurs are fully protected.

Statement

The following Joint Venture proposals in Deepsea fishing were approved by the Empowered Committee of Secretaries in its meeting held on 25-10-91

	Name of Indian company	Foreign collaborator	No. & Type of vessels	Fish hold Capacity
1	2	3	4	5
1.	M/s. Leo Seafood Ltd.	M/s. Deepsea fishing Co., Korea	4 stern trawlers 1 factory trawler	170M³/each 1200 M³
2.	M/s. Greaves Cotton & Co.	M/s. Frabella fishing Co., Manila	Tuna purse seiner (Test fishing)	980 tonnes
3.	M/s. C.M. Trading Co.* (P) Ltd.	M/s. Al Union fisheries coop. Ass. USSR	2 factory ships 1 Trawler 1 purse seiner	412 M³ 95 M³ 50 M³
4	s. Oceania Merchandies d.	M/s. Scan Fish Co. Ltd., Denmark	3 stern trawlers	200 M³/each

1	2	3	4	5
5.	M/s. Target Marine & Engg. (P) Ltd.	M/s. Silver Oceanic Co. Ltd., Thailand	2 stern trawlers	120.2M*/each
6.	M/s. Leela Seafoods (P) Ltd.	M/s. Sopachoka fishing Co. Ltd., Thailand	4 second hand stern trawlers	72, 70, 65, 65 M* respectively
7.	M/s. Shiv Ganga fisheries	M/s. Chebance Mercern Ballery M/s. Cofrepecha, France	1 tuna purse seiner	1100 M*

*The proposal was approved subject to the clearance from Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Defence.

Footwear exports

779. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration keeping in view the requirement of footwear exports to establish an Air Cargo Complex facilities at Agra;

(b) if so, whether any consultations, have been made in this regard with the Council for Leather Exports, Madras and the National Airports Authority, so far; and

(c) if so, by when a decision in likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) A suggestion for setting up Air Cargo Complex at Agra has been received and the same is being examined in consultation with all concerned.

Indo-Romanian trade plan

780. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Indo-Romanian trade plan for calendar year 1992 has been signed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether some target for import and export to Romania has been fixed in the agreement;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether any tentative list of items for import and export to Romania has been finalised; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) The Indo-Romanian Trade Plan signed at Bucharest on 21st January, 1992 provides for a total turnover of Rs. 5100 million (Imports from Romania worth Rs. 2700 million and exports to Romania worth Rs. 2400 million). The major items of imports from Romania are capital goods, machinery, machine tools, ball, rollers and taper bearings, rolled and steel products, casings, pipes, railway equipment, fertilizers, PVC, Polythylene etc. The major items of exports to Romania by India are soya and other extractions iron-ore and iron-ore pellets, manganese ore, engineering goods, detergents, tooth-paste, cosmetics, kitchen ware,